

35. (Cancelled) A laser as in Claim 1 wherein first and second anode materials are chosen such that first and second anode materials are chosen such that said second anode erosion rate is at least four times said first anode erosion rate.

36. (Cancelled) A laser as in Claim 30 wherein first and second cathode materials are chosen such that first and second cathode materials are chosen such that said second cathode erosion rate is at least ten times said first cathode erosion rate.

37. (Cancelled) A laser as in Claim 1 wherein first and second anode materials are chosen such that first and second anode materials are chosen such that said second anode erosion rate is at least ten times said first anode erosion rate.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 23 and 30 - 37 were cancelled to avoid possible claim rejection based on a double patenting rejection regarding the allowed claims in the co-pending application, Serial No. 10/104,502 filed March 22, 2002.

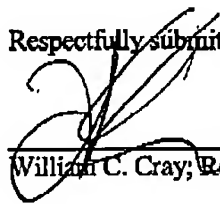
CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, the outstanding claims (namely Claims 24 thorough 29) should now be allowable and Applicants' request that they be allowed and the application allowed to issue as a patent.

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